

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 18 and 19 have been amended to incorporate the species of SEQ ID NO:2 recited in Claim 1. No new matter has been added. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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